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Hideki Iwata et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**MS Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, also serves as a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated June 16, 2006. A request for a 1 Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.